BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1987, AT 8:05 A.M., H-769, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present: Me A. Gervais, Q. C., Acting Chairman, Ms. L. Bellamy, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, C. M., Ms. F. Collins, Dr. C. Draimin, Mme M. J. Drouin, Mr. J. N. Economides, Dr. T. Fancott, Mr. R. Roy Firth, Dr. H. Habib, Dr. P. Kenniff, Dr. H. W. Proppe, Mr. P. Shea, Mr. J. H. Smith, Ms. K. Takacs, Mme L. Watier, Mr. S. White.
Officers of the University: Dr. M. Cohen, Dr. J. C. Giguère,
Secretary: Rev. A. Graham, S. J.
Guests: Dr. J. Bhatnagar, Ms. S. McLeod, Mr J- P. Roy.

Absent with apologies: Mr. L. Ellen, Justice A. B. Gold, Mr. A. K. Groome, O.C., Mr. Paul E. Martin, Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Mr. A. H. Michell, Me J. J. Pepper, Q. C. Mr. W. W. Stinson, Dr. F. R. Whyte.
Absent: Ms. S. Cappelli, Prof. G. Gross, Mr. T. Hecht, Mr. L. Ian MacDonald, Mr. C. I. Taylor.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-87-3-D5	-	University Secretariat.
BG-87-3-D6	-	Part-time Representative - Arts & Science Faculty Council.
BG-87-3-D7	-	Report of the Finance Committee.
BG-87-3-D9	-	Vanier Library Extension.
FC-87-1-D1	-	Report on Operating Budget 1986-87.
FC-87-1-D1.1	-	Notes on Operating Budget 1986-87.
FC-87-1-D2	-	CCSL Budget.

1.1 Since Fr. Graham had arrived, the Chairman noted that he would take over the secretarial duties.

1.2 The agenda was accepted as distributed.

It was moved and seconded (Habib, Fancott) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-14 *THAT* *the minutes of the meeting of the open session of January 15, 1987, be approved.*

3. Part-time Representation on the Faculty Council of Arts & Science It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Habib) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-15 *THAT* *the membership of the Council of Arts & Science be modified*

1) to add the following at the end of the list of Faculty members:

- "Two part-time Faculty members elected by the Part-time faculty teaching in the Faculty of Arts & Science. All part-time Faculty members will be eligible for election; the election will be managed by the Arts & Science Faculty Council through a special Elections Committee composed of three part-time Faculty members elected by Council."

2) to change the final paragraph of University document A-32 to read: "The term of office of Faculty members is three years, staggered in the first round of appointments. The term of office of part-time Faculty members and of student members is one year."

4. Approval of Concordia Council of Student Life (CCSL) Budget

Mr. Smith noted that he had agreed to speak to the recommendation although he is not a member of the CCSL. FC-87-1-D2 was distributed and its main features were commented upon by Vice-Rector Giguère, Chairman of CCSL

It was moved and seconded (Smith, White) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-16 *THAT* *the Student Service fees be increased from $3.00 per credit to $3.85 per credit for undergraduate students and from $2.00 per credit to $2.55 per credit for graduate students effective the beginning of registration for the 1987-88 academic year, and*

THAT *expenditure for fiscal 1987-88 for Student Services as set out in the budget FC-87-1-D1, appended to the minutes of this meeting, be approved. Any redistribution of expenditures within this envelope will be brought before the Board of Governors prior to the beginning of fiscal 1987-88.*

5. Operating Budget 1986-87

The student members of the Board expressed hope that a detailed account of the disbursement of the academic materials fee will be tabled at the Board. Vice-Rector Giguère explained that a portion of the fee will be distributed to the departments (for costs formerly paid by students) after the necessary bookkeeping has been worked out. Another portion is going to cover services which otherwise would have been eliminated during the present year. The Rector noted that he is required to report to the Ministry of

Higher Education and Science on the disbursement of this fee and that the report will be available to the Board of Governors.

Vice-Rector Cohen reviewed the highlights of FC-87-1-D1.1. Dr. Fancott asked what, in the light of accumulating deficits, the University can hope to achieve by way of debt reduction this year and how long the Board can continue to sustain increasing deficits if the government does not supply a concrete solution. Dr. Cohen replied that there was hope that by May or June of this year at least a partial solution would be found. However, if relief is not forthcoming, we will not be able to continue beyond the end of the next fiscal year (June 1988) without making drastic changes.

The Rector informed the meeting that he and Dr. Cohen had met Mr. Ryan, Minister of Higher Education & Science, on February 6, 1987. Mr. Ryan spoke about his overall recommendations for Quebec universities. It is impossible to predict Concordia's share of this general package since it is not specifically singled out, although Mr. Ryan is personally aware of Concordia's difficulties and favourable to a solution.

On February 12, 1987 the Conference of Rectors met with the Minister (Ryan) and Premier Bourassa. The Premier stated that the government, having attended to the problem of Quebec hospitals, is currently studying the universities. He gave general assurances that solutions would be found. Dr. Kenniff, while applauding the Premier's initiative, expressed disappointment at the lack of more specific details.

The Conference of Rectors is meeting for a strategy session tomorrow (February 19, 1987). They are prepared, on a holding basis, to consider drastic action. In answer to a question about the possible formulation of an advocacy programme, the Rector answered that the opinion of the Quebec Rectors seems to have veered toward holding that some action must be taken. They are also more aware that the government seems to respond favourably to public opinion. Therefore the Conference is proposing to present current problems more forcibly to the public media.

6. A document BG-87-3-D9 was distributed at the meeting- The Planning Committee reported that it had thoroughly examined the tenders for the construction of the Vanier Library extension and, in conjunction with M J.-P. Roy, our building consultant, recommends the awarding of a building contract

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Fancott) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-17 *THAT* *pursuant to detailed analyses of the tenders received by the University and a recommendation of the Planning Committee of the Board of Governors, Construction Valbrice Inc-, being the lowest bidder and having met all the particular requirements of the University in the matter of building contracts, be awarded the contract for the extension and*

renovation of the Vanier Library Building on the Loyola Campus of Concordia; and

THAT *Dr. Patrick Kenniff, Rector & Vice-Chancellor, and Dr. Charles Giguère, Vice-Rector, Services, be and they are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and contracts on behalf of Concordia University for the purposes hereof; and*

THAT *the Board of Governors of Concordia University recommend to le ministère de I'Enseignement supérieur et de la science acceptance of the tender- submitted by Construction Valbrice Inc. as being the lowest tender received by the University which conforms to the specified conditions and requirements.*

7. The University Secretariat

The Rector introduced BG-87-3-D5. He reminded the governors that this proposal to the Board to establish a University Secretariat was in conformity with the custom in all Quebec universities. Although he would like the structure to be established at this meeting, he does not have immediate plans for filling the new positions. He does not foresee a substantial increase in cost, at least in a short term, upon the establishment of the Secretariat.

It was moved and seconded (Kenniff, Collins) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-18 *THAT* *the Board of Governors approve the creation of a University Secretariat, to be headed by a Secretary General, which office shall regroup, in the first instance, the units known as the University Legal Counsel, the Secretaries of the Board of Governors and of Senate, the Code Administrator, Translation Services and Archives.*

In answer to a question the Rector explained that the Code Administrator was included under the Secretary General only as administrator of the Code of Conduct (Non-Academic).

9. The Rector informed the members of the Board that they will be receiving a formal invitation to a dinner in honour of Mr. W. Earle McLaughlin to take place on the evening of March 19, 1987.

10.2 Dr. Cohen reported that he is in the process of reviewing the office of Public Relations, and will be making an appropriate report to the Board in the near future.

12. The Chairman announced that, as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, he has consulted Mme Drouin and obtained her consent to recommend her to the Board to fill the position of Chairwoman of the Planning Committee.

It was moved and seconded (Fancott, Bellamy) and unanimously RESOLVED:

R87-19 *THAT* *Mme Marie Josée Drouin be elected Chairwoman of the Planning Committee.*

13. The Rector stated that Dr. Habib's query at the last Board meeting had been referred to the Graduation Ceremonies Committee and the Registrar but no answer has yet been received.

14. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 1987 at 8:00 a.m., H-769, SGW Campus.

15. The meeting terminated at 9:12 a.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.,
Secretary